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valid arguments. If the only reason or the main reason you're changing "shall" to "may" is because somebody has to stand in line while this book of life is being signed, then I don't think there is a good reason to change the "shall" to "may". Senator Hilgert, from what committee did this nefarious bill emerge?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: If you're referring to LB 719 as...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...the nefarious bill, it came from the General Affairs Committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's where they handle liquor bills? Is that true?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so all liquor bills would come from that committee and a lot of them get out. A lot of them get out, bad ones. That committee is not a good winnower of bad bills. Maybe the idea is somewhat based on what Senator Crosby said. The industry is so powerful that the committee does not want to run the risk of alienating them, so they send everything out there and say maybe people on the floor will stop it. But we get some awfully bad stuff out of that committee, and on gambling, it's the same thing. It's the gambler's committee. It's the liquor industry's committee. That's my opinion. I've been here a long time and I've seen the kind of bills that come out, and they have to be fought on the floor because they're going to get through committee and the lobbyists joke about getting things out of that committee. But it's not going to be as easy to get things across the floor. I think Senator Hilgert is trying to do his young friend...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a favor, as any of us would do a colleague, by offering this amendment, but that doesn't improve the quality of the amendment. If the book serves any purpose,